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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: BRUMBLING AND RUMBLING IN TOGO

1. THERE APPEAR TO BE PROBLEMS IN THE TOGOLESE SECURITY ORGANIZATION WHICH BEAR REPORTING. GENDARMERIE WAS CRITICIZED BY GENDARMERIE COMMAND IN RECENT MORNING FORMATION FOR ALLEGED INCOMPETENCE AND CORRUPTION. CRITICISM HAS LED TO SHARP RESENTMENT OF POLITICAL LEADERSHIP.

2. SURETE NATIONALE AND POLICE HAVE ALSO BEEN SUBJECTED TO CRITICISM BY MINISTER OF INTERIOR AT CLOSED MEETING. REPORTEDLY CRITICISM LED TO SHARP EXCHANGES BETWEEN MINISTER AND OFFICERS WHO COMPLAINED OF POLITICAL INTERVENTION IN POLICE AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY BY NORTHERNERS. CRITICISM OF POLICE TOOK PLACE AT MEETING WHERE THEY WERE INFORMED THEIR SALARIES WERE TO BE REDUCED, WHICH GAVE PARTICULARLY SHARP EDGE TO EXCHANGES.

3. NO SIMILAR INFORMATION HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING FROM ARMY EXCEPT UNCONFIRMED REPORT (LOME 1386) OF ALLEGED ASSASSINATION PLOT ON PRESIDENT.

4. FYI: SOUTHERN-DOMINATED CIVIL SERVICE ENDEMICALY DISSATISFIED BECAUSE OF DOMINATION BY NORTHERN HENCHMEN
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OF PRESIDENT.

5. COMMENT: THE PERSISTENT ECHO OF THESE RUMBLINGS IS ACCUSATION OF PRESIDENTIAL FAVORITISM TOWARDS NORTHERN TRIBAL GROUPS. THERE NO REPEAT NO SIGN THAT REGIME IN ANY IMMEDIATE DANGER FROM ANY CONCERTED MOVE THESE IMPORTANT ELEMENTS. INDEED, CRACKDOWN BY EYADEMA ON GENDARMERIE/

POLICE CORRUPTION AND INEFFICIENCY COULD ELICIT SOME DEGREE
PUBLIC SUPPORT. HOWEVER, DISAFFECTION IN THESE KEY GROUPS
COULD BECOME LONG-TERM DANGER TO EYADEMA REGIME.
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